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Operation Beachhead Update

Opening a Sacramento office is "a very important step," says Executive Director

The Libertarian Party of California established a "virtual office" in Sacramento last month with the launching of Phase I of "Operation Beachhead," the LPC's plan to open a full-time office in the state capital by the 2000 elections.

Why does the LPC need an office in Sacramento?

According to LPC Executive Director Juan Ros, co-author of the plan with LPC Chair Mark Hinkle, "It's a natural and very important step for us to take at this stage of our evolution. During the past two years, our party has made great advances in its organization, professionalism and mem- (continued on page 4)

Recruit A Friend!

Please note that this issue of *LPC Monthly* contains a voter registration card. Consider it your invitation to participate in Project Recruit-A-Friend — our campaign to add to the number of registered Libertarians here in California.

Participating in Project Recruit-A-Friend is simple: just give the enclosed card to that friend, coworker or relative who's been telling you they've been thinking about re-registering as a Libertarian. You must know someone who's been sitting on

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T . J . R o d g e r s

1999 LPC Convention

Cypress CEO T.J. Rodgers and gun rights author John Lott added to speakers list

The LPC has added more impressive names to its list of speakers for the 1999 LPC Convention, including Cypress Semiconductor CEO T.J. Rodgers, and University of Chicago law professor John R. Lott, Jr., author of a groundbreaking gun control study.

The convention will be held President's Day Weekend, February 12-15, 1999, at the Doubletree Hotel in San Jose.

Rodgers founded Cypress Semiconductor Corp. in 1982 — it is now a \$600 million international semiconductor supplier. An ardent believer in individual liberty and economic freedom, Rodgers will be the featured speaker at the convention's annual Sam Adams Awards Luncheon on Monday, February 15th.

Lott, whose widely praised book "More Guns, Less Crime: Understanding Crime and Gun Control (continued on page 7)

LPC Joins Prop. 10 Lawsuit

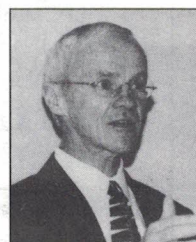
California Libertarians seek to overturn recently implemented tobacco tax

The LPC has joined in a lawsuit to overturn Prop. 10, the tobacco tax initiative narrowly approved by voters last November.

The party recently filed a letter brief in California Supreme Court in support of the original complaint filed on January 4th by the California Association of Retail Tobacconists (CART), a coalition of over 100 tobacco businesses. The brief was written by LP National Chair David Bergland, of Costa Mesa.

"This initiative violates the California Constitution," declared LPC Chair Mark Hinkle. "It deserves to be overturned."

The initiative took effect January 1st and raised state taxes on cigarettes by 50 cents a pack to pay for a new state commission, the (continued on page 8)



David Bergland

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LETTERS

Think Young

I'm convinced that most of our energy should be focused toward reaching young people.

Last night I watched three [youth-oriented] bands — each had a message of non-violent, non-interventionism. Every band was angry, as was the audience, that we attacked Iraq. The headlines questioned why "that guy" attacked Iraq.

One band rapped: "We didn't cross the border, the borders crossed us!" They were very passionate and angry about "The Man" taking away their freedom. It was great!

The best part about it is that none of these people have to be persuaded about libertarianism — they already believe in it! We just have to present it to them. They hate Clinton for bombing innocent people for his political gain; and they hate the Republicans for...well...they always did. Who do they vote for? These are mostly young and Hispanic [non-voting] people who would probably vote if they had a reason. Let's give them several...

We must tell them we want out of foreign countries; we must tell them we want to legalize

marijuana — including for recreational purposes; we must tell them we want to open the borders; we must tell them we want to get rid of curfew laws; we must tell them that big corporations who pollute should be sued if they hurt someone.

These are some of the issues that will excite them and energize them.

When, where and how do you outreach to them? Do you go to clubs? Do you go to high schools? Do you go to raves? We do in Orange County and it's paying off big time.

Every region should identify (or try to recruit) young, hip libertarians who can fit in with these crowds and pass out "legalize it!" flyers, "get us out of other countries" flyers, or "repeal the curfew" flyers. Gene Cisewski's "Your Parents' Politicians are not Your Friends" is fantastic! (You can order it at <www.libertycouncil.org>.) Be sure your literature includes local LP phone numbers — and, especially, relevant websites like <www.libertarianrock.com>. Almost every high school is on the web!

DOUG SCRIBNER
Orange County, CA

It Was a Very Good Year!

1998 is over — and what an exceptional year it was for The Libertarian Party of California. Consider the following:

- We hired a full-time Executive Director.
- Our membership grew from 4,787 to 6,170 — a 29% increase!
- Our voter registrations jumped to 82,079, an increase of 11% — the highest percentage increase of any political party!
- We ran 95 partisan and 11 nonpartisan candidates for office — a record for a non-presidential election!
- 3 of those candidates were newly elected to office, and 1 was reelected to a third term!
- Our 8 statewide candidates received a combined total of over 1,000,000 votes — 55% more than the nearest third party!
- The LP easily maintained its ballot status in California, with 4 out of our 8 statewide candidates receiving more than the required 2% of the vote!
- For the first time, the Gun Owners of California endorsed 10 of our candidates — some over Republicans!
- LPC receipts increased from \$175,000 in

1997 to an estimated \$262,000 in 1998 — a 50% jump!

- From May to December, the word "Libertarian" appeared in 1,618 press articles in California!
- 22 official LPC press releases were written and distributed — resulting in stories in the Orange County Register, the Pasadena Star-News, the Long Beach Press-Telegram and other publications.
- We made in-roads with numerous special interest groups, allying ourselves with Californians for Indian Self Reliance and the Committee Against Unfair Taxes.

We had a lot of accomplishments in 1998 — and more to work for in 1999: continued record-breaking growth in our membership, voter registration and fundraising; increased presence in Sacramento; running more candidates for more nonpartisan offices; activating and organizing more local LPC regions and Libertarian student organizations; increasing our media presence; becoming professional.

1998 was a great year for the LPC — now let's make 1999 even better! ■

Steve & Michele Kubby Arrested!

Libertarian gubernatorial candidate and his wife are jailed for medical marijuana

Steve Kubby, the 1998 Libertarian candidate for governor of California, and his wife Michele were arrested on the morning of Tuesday, January 19th, in a police raid of their home in Olympic Valley. The couple was charged with unauthorized cultivation, harvesting, and processing of marijuana; possession with intent to sell; and conspiracy. Two days later, Thursday, January 21st, they were released on their own recognizance following arraignment in Tahoe City Court.

"We are relieved and grateful that Steve and Michele Kubby have been freed from police custody," announced LPC Chair Mark Hinkle. "But they have broken no laws and should never have been arrested. Steve and



Libertarian candidate Steve Kubby with his wife Michele, son Sky, and baby daughter Brooke.

Michele are law-abiding citizens and the police have no authority to raid their home,

throw them in jail, and jeopardize their health. This arrest is a violation of the Kubby's rights, and a slap across the face of Californians, who voted to legalize medical marijuana."

A publisher and entrepreneur, Kubby played a pivotal role in the November, 1996, passage of Prop. 215, the medical marijuana initiative. He takes medical marijuana under his doctor's orders to treat adrenal cancer, with which he was diagnosed in 1975, and hypertension.

Michele also takes medical marijuana to alleviate the symptoms of irritable bowel syndrome. Both were denied access to their medication during their incarceration.

This was the first arrest for the Kubbys. They are due (continued on page 8)

1999 Freedom Rally

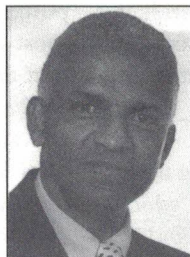
Freedom Law School and LPOC announce major anti-tax event for March

The Freedom Law School and the Orange County Libertarian Party are co-sponsoring a major rally to protest the income tax: The 1999 Freedom Rally. The event will take place at the Sheraton Hotel in Newport Beach over the March 13-14th weekend.

"We're working hard to make this event California's pro-freedom rally of the year," said organizer Peymon Mottahedeh, President of the Tustin-based Freedom Law School. "We've lined-up over a dozen sensational speakers, including some prominent Libertarians and ex-government officials opposed to the income tax. It's going to be a very exciting weekend and we're hoping for a big turnout."

Richard Boddie, a former Libertarian Party candidate for U.S. Senate, will be

the master of ceremonies for the event. A resident of Orange County and longtime Libertarian, Boddie is one of the LP's most popular speakers.



Richard Boddie

Also speaking will be Shelley L. Davis, author of *Unbridled Power: Inside the Secret Culture of the I.R.S.* A former historian for the I.R.S., Davis left the agency after discovering massive examples of its illegal activity. Davis addressed the 1998 Libertarian convention and recently toured California for a series of LPC banquets.

According to Mottahedeh: "The highlight of the rally will be an appearance by an anonymous I.R.S. official who will come out of the closet to openly declare he has verified that the 16th Amendment was

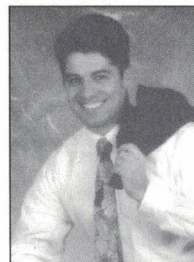
not ratified and that no law requires any American to file and pay an income tax. This I.R.S. official will share his explosive findings in his soon-to-be-published

book: *At the Point Of a Gun: How the U.S. Government and the IRS Have Robbed You of Your Hard Earned Money and Constitutional Rights.*

The Saturday Night Awards Banquet will be addressed by Former Congressman George Hansen, who has long and often battled the criminal elements of the I.R.S. and the Federal Justice Department.

Former Illinois Revenue Officer Bill Benson will also share how he has documented that the 16th Amendment was never ratified and therefore not law.

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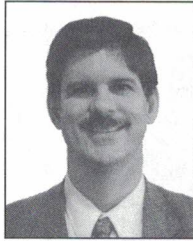
Peymon Mottahedeh

From The Chair:

Reaching Our Goals

We, as a Party, had three main goals for 1998:

1. Increase our dues-paying membership to 7,000;
2. Increase our monthly pledge program to generate \$6,000 per month;
3. Maintain our ballot status.



Mark Hinkle

Here's an update on where we stand.
Goal #1...

The total LPC membership at the end of 1998 is 6,170. We may be under our goal, but it's very impressive growth nevertheless — a net increase of 1,383 members since the end of December, 1997!

Of course, all these new members means more money for the LPC and our regions... The LNC paid \$8,167 to the LPC for December, 1998 — and \$4,900 of that figure was distributed to our local organizations. Compare that to the \$3,646 sent to our local regions in December, 1997, and you'll measure our growth in another very practical way.

A large portion of our new members came as a result of Project Archimedes — the national LP's direct mail membership recruitment program. The LPC-sponsored Grassroots Challenge membership contest also produced 192 new members.

And coming soon to a Libertarian near you: The LPC, in cooperation with the LNC, has purchased another list of all registered Libertarians in California — a total 81,777 names and addresses. As part of Project Archimedes, the LNC will soon be mailing membership packages to this list — the third such joint mailing effort. We're hoping to significantly add to our membership numbers as a result.

If you'd like to see detailed information on our membership growth, visit the LPC web page. Or just take a quick glance at the membership graph on the facing page of this newsletter — the trend is ascending dramatically!

Goal #2...

I'm afraid, we're well below our target

figure here. Currently, our pledge program brings in \$3,194 per month. Thanks so much to all of you who are participating! Remember: our pledge program is the most cost-effective method of fundraising that we do. Joining our pledge program gives you more Libertarian bang for your buck — so, if you are not already a pledger, please become one today! You can use the form on the back of this newsletter, or call LPC Executive Director Juan Ros at (818) 506-0200.

To reach our goal of generating \$6,000 each month in pledges, we are once again doing a telephone marketing campaign. We had planned this effort for last October and November, but ultimately decided to postpone it so as not to conflict with another telemarketing campaign conducted by the National LP during that same period. By the time you receive this newsletter, we will have completed our second massive telemarketing campaign — and we're keeping our fingers crossed that you will come through for us as you have so many times before!

Goal #3...

As you know, we handily accomplished our goal of maintaining ballot status here in California last November: half of our statewide candidates received more than the 2% of the vote required for us to stay on the ballot!

In addition, our voter registrations are at a record level. Of course we want those numbers to keep growing too — which brings me to Project Recruit-A-Friend...

Inside this newsletter you'll find a voter registration card. Please give it to that friend, coworker or relative who's told you they're interested in re-registering as Libertarian. Help them take that all-important step. This is a simple and easy way that we can add to our numbers. Remember: the more registered Libertarians, the more *elected* Libertarians!

That's all for this month — see you at the convention! ■

Operation Beachhead Update

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bership growth — and continuing that trend is our fundamental goal."

Ros explained further: "Just as it makes sense for the Libertarian national headquarters to be located in Washington, D.C., so the headquarters for our state party belongs in our state capital. Sacramento is not just the legislative hub of the state, but also where important special interest groups and associations establish their headquarters. Our clout with these groups will grow once we elect a Libertarian to the legislature, and establishing an early presence there lays the foundation for future opportunities."

Ros went on: "We want the state government community to know we means business. Our presence in Sacramento will say to politicians and lobbyists: 'If you want greater individual liberty and less government, we want to work with you; but if you want more government intrusion and power, we'll fight you.'"

Ros then posed some questions to all California Libertarians... "Wouldn't you like to see the banner of liberty fly high over the current state administration? Wouldn't you like to see a diverse coalition of groups fighting the encroaching power of the leviathan? If so, then the most important thing you can do is support the LPC and Operation Beachhead."

The best way to do that, says Ros, is by becoming a monthly pledger to the LPC. "For \$10 a month — that's 33 cents a day — you will help guarantee that the voice of liberty echoes throughout the Capitol Building's corridors. And if just 4% of our members pledged \$10 per month to the LPC right now, the project would be completely funded."

Roughly \$20,000 has been raised for the project so far, with a final goal of \$60,000 to complete. To become a monthly pledger to the LPC, or if you have questions about Operation Beachhead, call Executive Director Juan Ros at (818) 506-0200. ■

Grassroots Challenge '98 Update

The LPC's recruitment program yields more members in December; 192 total for year

The December results are in for Grassroots Challenge '98 — the Libertarian Party of California's contest designed to foster local activism and reward individual regions for bringing in new dues-paying members to the LPC.

The contest, now officially over, added a total of 192 new members to the LPC roster. During the last month of 1998, local LPC regions participating in the contest produced an additional 59 dues-paying members of Libertarian Party.

This month, Orange County edged out San Diego for the final #1 spot by one member, earning it a \$200 bonus prize for

December Totals

Orange County (R30).....	26
San Diego (R37)	25
Fresno (R10)	6
San Mateo (R41)	1
Siskiyou (R10)	1

Total New Members.....59

generating the highest percentage of new memberships (4.48%). Nevertheless, San Diego brought in the most members (141)

over the course of the entire contest, earning it a final bonus award of \$141.

According to the contest rules, for every new membership that local regions submitted, the local regions received \$5.00. Each month, the region with the highest percentage of new memberships was awarded a prize of \$200 or \$5 per new membership, whichever was greater.

Congratulations to the December winners and to all of the regions that participated in the contest! And, of course, a warm welcome to the 192 new members of the Libertarian Party of California — it's great to have you on our team! ■

Growth Watch: December 1998

Revenue

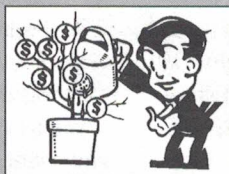
Total To Date: \$264,819
Year End Goal: \$281,000

Donations

December: \$4,959

Monthly Pledges

December: \$3,194



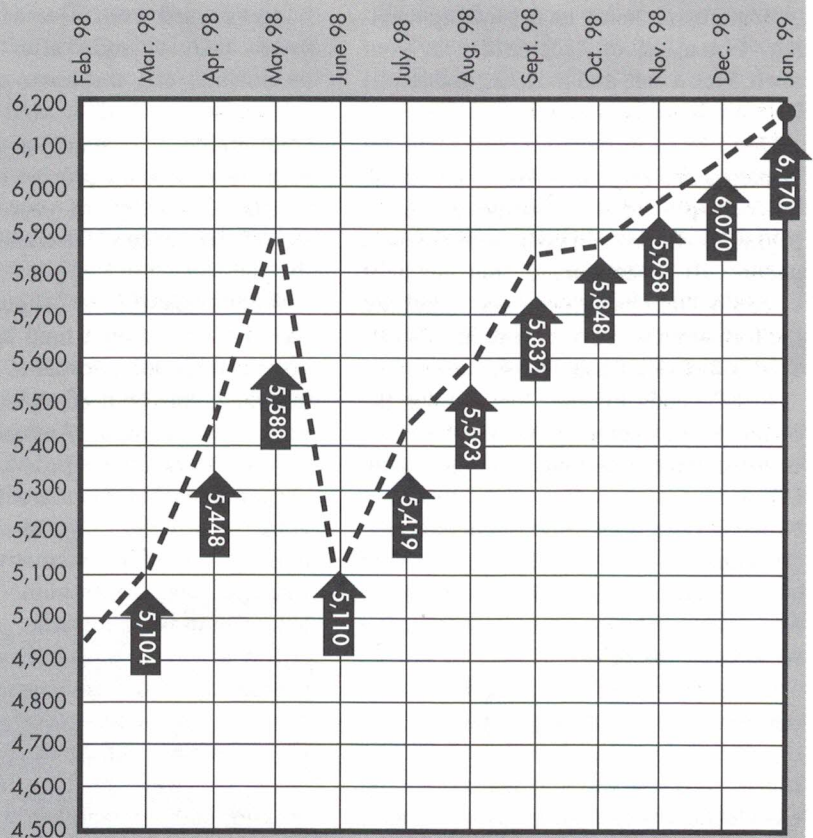
Help Us Grow!

Participating in the LPC's pledge program is probably the single most important thing that you can do to support the Party! To become a monthly pledger, use the form on back of this newsletter, or call (818) 506-0200. Please do it today!

Membership

December 31st: 6,170

Year End Goal: 7,000

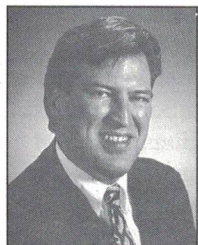


Help us Grow!

We're almost there -- please support the LPC with a one-time donation! Call (818) 506-0200!

How To Organize a Town Committee

Presenting libertarian ideas to your community may be easier and more effective than you think



by Mark Tuniewicz

(Ed. Note: Although this essay comes from another part of the country, and uses terminology from the way local government is

organized in other states, the basic concept of getting Libertarians involved and organized on the local level applies here just as well. LPC regions may want to try putting these ideas to work by helping their members establish committees corresponding to cities, school districts, and other local government units.)

All politics are local. Forming a Town Committee (TC) is a proven way to bring tangible benefits of greater visibility, political influence and more active party members to your community. Here's how you can get started...

Begin by planning an organizing meeting. Get a list of Libertarians in your town. Pick a date and location, and send a letter to those local members.

Don't be discouraged if only a handful of names are in your town — much can be accomplished with few people in the beginning. Follow-up your mailing with a phone call to encourage attendance. If there's a "hot" local issue, you might use the formation of a position on it as a catalyst to help encourage participation.

A TC needs bylaws, the simpler the better. You can clone your state by-laws, or for a short-and-sweet example e-mail LPCT activist John Joy (jmj@lpct.org). Now is also a good time to contact your Secretary of State's office and obtain state-specific information relating to financial reporting and contribution restrictions for TCs.

Since you will be "Chair Pro Tem" during the initial meeting, have a draft of the bylaws ready, make any changes needed, and vote to adopt them. After you elect officers, you officially exist as a political entity.

If you're meeting at a library, that's a good opportunity to get the contact names and fax numbers for your local newspapers and radio stations. Create a professional-looking letterhead with your trusty word processor, write up an announcement of the TCs formation, and fax away. Not sure how to do a press release? The National LP and your state organization are two good sources for examples of formats you can follow.

What's next?

A TC should attempt to observe, comment on and affect municipal governance.

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budget-related ones. Get a copy of the town budget and, after finding it inscrutable, call the town treasurer and ask questions about it until you have a comfortable understanding of the document, as well as the process by which it is created. Get a copy of your town charter as well, so you can understand the rules of the game.

What kinds of issues should you focus on? I'll go out on a limb by suggesting taxes and spending levels as a good starting point, but you need to be more specific to be effective. Anyone can be a "crank," show up at a public hearing, and badger the town fathers about government gone out of control. To be effective, you must offer credible alternatives in a constructive, positive fashion. Don't send letters — in person is best.

Try to create opportunities to show yourselves as the good guys — a food drive for a local non-governmental charity, or similar high-profile volunteerism. Walk the walk of Libertarian volunteerism, and leverage any existing community involvement on the part of your local members.

Eventually, a TC becomes a launching point for local candidates.

Example: In Oxford (pop. 10,000), Connecticut, a 1994 proposal to hire an Economic Development Director precipitated the formation of the Oxford Town Libertarian Committee — about 3-4 people to begin with. Repeated public testimony on behalf of the committee was given by its chair, John Joy, whose effective press releases helped to create press coverage of the issue.

After the proposal stalled, Mr. Joy was on a roll. He got appointed to a local

Town Committees work! They are a basic building block in creating a more widespread Libertarian Party presence.

board. Later, his committee graciously created a website promoting the town, with the blessing of the Selectmen. The following year, the TC ran a slate of 5

Libertarian candidates, and later they packed a local hall to capacity for a catered fund-raiser/campaign kick-off, complete with prominent local supporters and press. Concurrently, the nearby town of Windham, formally organized, and ran a local slate of 25 Libertarians. Committees continue to be organized and active in Connecticut.

Town Committees work! They are a basic building block in creating a more widespread Libertarian Party presence, allowing us the opportunity to show ourselves as constructive, concerned citizens who want what's best for our towns. If you want to attract more publicity and more members, there's nothing like an active TC to stimulate local interest in Libertarianism. And especially when you're just starting out, a few people can make a difference.

You can, too. Stand up for Liberty — make a commitment to organize your town this year.

Mark Tuniewicz was elected LNC Treasurer at the 1996 LP National Convention. ■

Executive Director Update

Ros plans events, makes radio appearances, and more

The LPC's Executive Director Juan Ros has kicked off the New Year with more political action — amid more signs his efforts are producing results...

"In January, a candidate I'd met last year saw a letter to the editor I had published and remembered me. He was putting a slate of candidates together for local office and asked if I was interested," reported Ros. In the end, Ros — who came in second place in last year's 26th Congressional district race — decline the offer. "I'd love to run for office again but with so many different and exciting LPC projects underway, it just wasn't possible."

Among those projects are the 1999 and the 2000 LPC conventions. "I'm assisting Convention Manager Steve Alexander with promotions and speaker bookings for the 1999 Convention, and I'm coordinating contract negotiations with the hotel for the 2000 Convention. "We are going to put on the Libertarian event of the new millennium!"

Also in January, Ros received an invitation to participate in a "Teleconference on Social Security" sponsored by Americans Discuss Social Security, a nonprofit, nonpartisan group whose mission is to provide forums for discussion on the future of Social Security. "When they asked me to bring five other Libertarians, I knew they were interested in presenting diverse viewpoints."

The same group has invited Ros to sit on a second Social Security panel in March, this time focusing on educating college students about the government's social safety

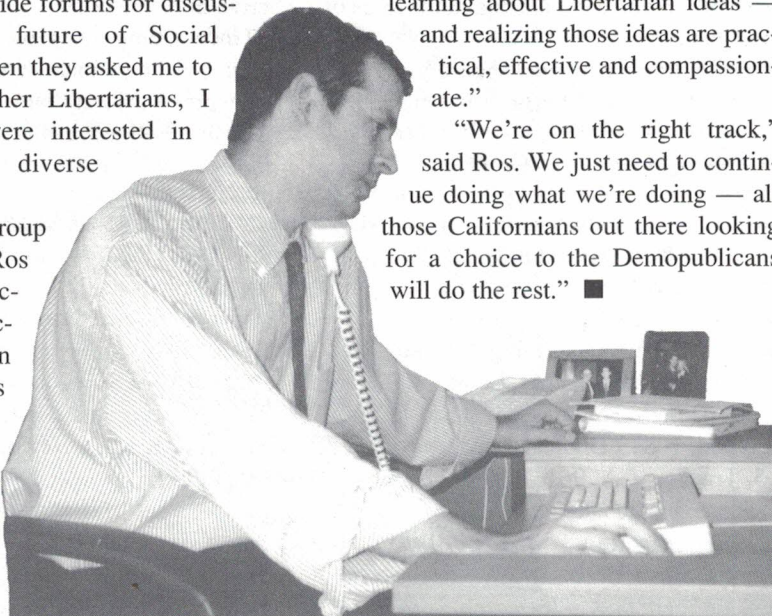
net. "I'm eager to speak to college students who are an untapped electorate that leans Libertarian."

Ros' December news release on the FDIC's proposed "Know Your Customer" regulations — which would require banks to monitor each customer's banking transactions and report "suspicious" activity to the government — led to an appear on KOAM radio in Denver on January 12th. Ros was on the air for 60 minutes explaining the dangers of forcing banks to act as the eyes and ears of government. "The interview went great," said Ros. "The host kept asking, 'How come only the Libertarians are the ones complaining about this?'"

On January 19th, Ros made another radio appearance on KGAM-1450 in Palm Springs to discuss President Clinton's State of the Union address.

Ros also wrote two editorials — one on Governor Davis' salary, and the other on the "Know Your Customer" banking regulations — that were published in several California newspapers. "Editorials are widely read," he said. "It's a coup to have two different essays published in so many different newspapers during the same month. It means that more people are learning about Libertarian ideas — and realizing those ideas are practical, effective and compassionate."

"We're on the right track," said Ros. We just need to continue doing what we're doing — all those Californians out there looking for a choice to the Demopublicans will do the rest." ■



1999 LPC Convention

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Laws" was published this year, has single-handedly redefined the gun control debate in this country. Lott meticulously researched data from every county in the U.S. over a 15-year period and proved that laws permitting citizens to carry concealed handguns reduce violent crime.

Also recently joining the list of convention speakers are: Ted Costa of Peoples Advocates; Paul Grant, a lawyer who defended a juror prosecuted for voting to acquit on a drug case; Joe McNamara, a former San Jose Police Chief nationally known for opposition to the drug war; Virginia Resner of FAMM: Families Against Mandatory Minimums; Ned Roscoe, President of Cheaper Groceries; and Gary Webb, the journalist who wrote about asset forfeiture and the connection between some CIA funded Contras and crack cocaine.

The theme of this year's convention is "The Heartbeat of Liberty," a reference to the site of the convention, Silicon Valley — considered by many to be a breeding ground for libertarianism.

The convention officially opens on Friday night, February 12th, with a speech by Fritz. On Saturday, February 13th, Michael Cloud — 1998 Libertarian candidate for U.S. Senate in Nevada — delivers the Keynote Address. Convention business is scheduled to recess Monday, February 15th, at 12 noon, with speakers continuing into the afternoon.

A variety of ticket packages to the convention are available; to purchase advance tickets and take advantage of the advance buyer discounts, complete and return the form on page 9.

You can also register for the convention by contacting Thea McLean at (510) 352-9469. To register via e-mail, send a message to <convention@ca.lp.org>. Those wishing to register on-line can do so at <<http://www.ca.lp.org>>.

To reserve your room at the Doubletree Hotel, call (800) 222-TREE or (408) 453-4000. ■

Proposition 10

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California Children and Families First Commission, as well as county commissions in all 58 counties. These commissions will develop programs related to early childhood development.

According to the lawsuit, the initiative violates the state Constitution in two ways: the new tax money pays for programs that have nothing to do with smoking and thus violates a constitutional provision that limits initiatives to a "single subject"; and the measure creates agencies outside the control of the governor and the legislature, violating another constitutional provision.

In its brief, the party states its support of these arguments and concludes, "Prop. 10 is unconstitutional and should be stricken in its entirety...An immediate stay would protect against the irreparable harm of constitutional violation to the Libertarian Party, its members and the entire taxpaying public of California."

Hinkle was careful to point out that the Libertarian Party isn't trying to curry favor with the tobacco lobby.

"Let me make one thing clear," stated Hinkle. "The Libertarian Party is not affiliated with the tobacco industry, and our actions in supporting this lawsuit do not imply that we condone tobacco or smoking. Nor do we oppose the concept of early childhood development when undertaken by families."

"But when a law so egregiously tramples on individual liberties by grossly increasing the size of government and imposing a regressive, burdensome tax that is hurting the poor, promoting black market crime, and unjustly targeting small businesses, action must be taken."

Interestingly, the San Francisco Chronicle reported that Governor Davis made a deal to appoint actor-director Rob Reiner head of the state agency created by the initiative. Reiner, who was the main proponent behind Prop. 10, would thus control the estimated \$700 million per year generated by the tobacco taxes.

The LPC took an official position against Proposition 10 last fall. ■

Kubby

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back in court on January 28th (before press time) for a preliminary hearing, where they are expected to plead not guilty.

Responding to the Kubbys' arrest and incarceration, LPC Executive Director Juan Ros drafted a sternly-worded letter "on behalf of the 5,382,915 Californians who voted in favor of Proposition 215" to state Attorney General Bill Lockyer urging Lockyer to intervene in the case. Ros called on Lockyer "to bring the full weight of your office down in this matter and investigate the North Tahoe Task Force and Placer County District Attorney's office to determine the cause of this unnecessary police action."

According to Hinkle, "Mr. Lockyer swore to uphold the laws of the state of California when he was inaugurated earlier this month. We are simply asking him to do so in this case. Prop. 215 was passed by the voters of this state over two years ago. It is a disgrace that law enforcement continues to ignore the will of the voters and prosecute citizens who are using a form of medicine that is completely legal."

Response to the Kubbys' arrest has been overwhelming, reported Hinkle. "The flood of e-mails, phone calls and faxes supportive of the Kubbys has been unbelievable. Californians are outraged. What happened to the Kubbys is a sobering reminder that liberty has a price. How long will the state of California continue violating the will of the voters? How many people will have to suffer or die before the government realizes the extreme harm it is causing medical marijuana patients who are denied their rightful medicine?"

The Libertarian Party has helped establish a legal defense for on behalf of the Kubby's. Members wishing to contribute should send their checks payable to The Kubby Defense Fund, c/o Attorney Dale E. Wood, 10833 Donner Pass Road, Suite 205, Truckee, CA 96161

"Steve & Michelle were there for us in the 1998 election," said LP National Director Steve Dasbach. "We need to be there for them now. Please help." ■

Recruit A Friend!

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Libertarian fence, just waiting for you to give them a friendly little nudge...

Perhaps that someone is *you*! If you are a member of the LP but registered to vote with another party, now is the time to register with the Party of Freedom, the Party of Principle — the Libertarian Party! Like it or not, our state's new election laws now enable Californians to vote for candidates of any political party on their primary ballots, so there is no good excuse not to re-register Libertarian!

The LPC voter registrations reached an (unofficial) total of 81,777 in October, 1998 — our highest level in almost 20 years. Participating in Project Recruit-A-Friend, you can help us pass that number and keep on going.

Recruit-A-Friend today! ■

Freedom Rally

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ing is Bill Conkin, a tax expert who, for past 10 years, has offered a \$50,000 reward to anyone who can prove the income tax is legal — a reward which, so far, no one has collected.

Pre-paid registration (by March 1) for both days of the 1999 Freedom Rally is \$30 per single, \$40 per couple. After March 1 or at the door, the fee is \$35 per single or \$50 per couple. People under 21 years of age are admitted free.

Register now by paying your fee. (Cash is preferred; money orders should be payable to: "LRS".) Send your registration fee to: Freedom Law School, 13211 Myford Road #332 Tustin, CA 92782. For more information, call (714)838-2896 or visit the Freedom Law School website at <www.freedomlaw.org>.

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Be sure to let us know if you move! Send your address change notice to the national office so that your newsletters and other important correspondence can be sent to your new address. If you are moving out of state but want to continue as an LPC member or continue subscribing to *LPC Monthly*, please also notify the state office so we can make the necessary arrangements to keep you on our list.

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If you need some special update to your membership records, such as a change in region affiliation, please contact the state office.

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Former LPC Chair Gail Lightfoot would like to announce that she is offering Libertarian Party promotional merchandise for sale. All proceeds will go to support LPC Region 40. Items for sale include the following...

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